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(57) Abstract: Reagents which regulate human 11 beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1-like enzyme and reagents which bind to human 11 beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1-like enzyme gene products can play a role in preventing, ameliorating, or correcting dysfunctions or diseases including, but not limited to CNS disorders, osteoporosis, liver disease, obesity, blood pressure or fetal development abnormalities, and diabetes.

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## B x I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## B x II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

## Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 8, 30, 31, 33 and 34 comprise a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition. Although claims 13, 16, 17, 52-57, 59 and 68-71 are directed to or comprise a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

## Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 8, 13-15, 33, 52, 53, 60, 62, 68-71

Present claims 8, 13-15, 33, 52, 53, 60, 62 and 68-71 relate to a product/compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely a reagent that interacts with the claimed polypeptide or modulates its activity.

The claims cover all products/compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products/compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product/compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the products/compounds antibody, antisense and ribozyme mentioned in the description at pages 27-34.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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